

Former Wilmington Official Sentenced to Prison

Other defendants face prison time on assault, weapons, and robbery charges

Anthony Goode, former Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department was sentenced to prison this afternoon for stealing from a group representing minority firefighters. Goode, 45, pleaded guilty in December 2018 to Theft Greater Than \$50,000 and felony Unlawful Use of a Payment Card. Goode stole more than \$50,000 between January 2009 and October 2016 while serving as president of the Gallant Blazers, Inc. A Superior Court judge sentenced Goode to one year in prison followed by one year of probation. He must also repay \$62,321 to the Gallant Blazers. Deputy Attorneys General Stephen McDonald and Thomas Brown prosecuted the case, which was investigated by special investigators Robert Irwin and Walter Ferris. Paralegal Kelly Drzymalski, forensic accountant Clyde Hartman, and special investigator LaVincent Harris also assisted on the case.

A 2018 shooting has led to a prison sentence for an Elkton, MD man. Daquan Hammond, 24, shot and injured 2 people as they sat on the porch of a house on Rambo Terrace in New Castle in June 2018. Hammond pleaded guilty in Superior Court in December 2018 to Assault First Degree, Assault Second Degree, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. A judge sentenced Hammond to 7 years in prison, followed by 2 years of probation. Deputy Attorney General Will Rasis prosecuted the case with assistance from paralegal Julianne Besznyak and social worker Courtney Cochran.

A Seaford man has been sentenced for robbing a convenience store while armed with a crowbar. In August 2018, 49-year-old Glen Eskridge walked into a Shore Stop on the 500 block of West Stein Highway in Seaford and demanded money from the

cashier. Eskridge threatened to hit the cashier with the crowbar if she didn't give him the money. In March 2019, Eskridge pleaded guilty to Robbery Second Degree, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, and Resisting Arrest. A Superior Court judge sentenced Eskridge to 2 years in prison followed by 2 years of probation during which he must complete a drug treatment program. Deputy Attorney General John Donahue secured the sentence.